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Note verbale dated 28 July 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations presents its compliments to the President of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and has the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Government of Bahrain on the implementation of paragraphs 6 and 9 of Security Council resolution 1455 (2003) (see annex).

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Annex

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Updated report submitted by the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning the situation in Afghanistan, in compliance with the provisions of paragraphs 6 and 9 of Security Council resolution 1455 (2003) of 17 January 2003

The Kingdom of Bahrain, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, states that it has taken all preventive security measures to ensure that its territory cannot be used for the commission of any terrorist acts or as a refuge for terrorist elements. The competent security authorities carry out investigations and take intensive security measures to ensure that there are no terrorist movements in the territory of the Kingdom. They monitor suspicious individuals to ensure that they do not belong to any terrorist movement, or associate with such movements in any shape or form. In addition, the Ministry of Internal Affairs has concentrated on ensuring coordination between it and the authorities responsible for customs, ports and passports in order to prevent the infiltration of any elements of terrorist organizations into the territory of the Kingdom, and to prevent them from transiting the territory. This entails entering the names of the persons listed by the Counter-Terrorism Committee on the computers at all entry points to the Kingdom. Similarly, arrival and departure procedures have been tightened up, suspicious cases are dealt with more rigorously and suspicious persons and their luggage are subjected to stricter inspection procedures using modern equipment.

With respect to the legal provisions available for monitoring the import, export, transport, storage and sale of weapons and explosives and other delicate or sensitive items, the responsible authority in the Kingdom (the Ministry of Internal Affairs) indicates that Decree Law No. 16/1976 concerning explosives, weapons and munitions provides that it is prohibited, without a licence from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, to import, export or possess any of the said items. The Decree Law specifies the exceptional cases in which the import or export of such items may be permitted for use in the public interest and sets out the related principles and regulatory procedures. The competent authorities ensure the strict application of the law.

With respect to the freezing of financial and economic assets and the economic embargo imposed on the Taliban and Al-Qaida, the Kingdom of Bahrain, through the Bahrain Monetary Agency and the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, has taken all necessary steps to implement the measures under paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 1455 (2003) concerning the situation in Afghanistan, as specified below:

1. Implementation of Security Council resolution 1267 (1999) through the issuance of Ordinance No. OG/280/99 of 13 December 1999 imposing the economic embargo on the Taliban;

2. Implementation of Security Council resolution 1333 (2000) through the issuance of Ordinance No. OG/56/2001 of 3 February 2001 imposing the economic embargo on Osama bin Laden;

3. Implementation of Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) through the issuance of Ordinance No. OG/423/2001 of 1 October 2001 prohibiting dealings with listed proscribed individuals and organizations, including Osama bin Laden and the Taliban.

Annexes*

- Copy of Decree Law No. 16/1976 on explosives, weapons and munitions.
- Copy of ministerial decision No. 3/1977 on licensing measures for the import, possession and carriage of weapons and munitions.
- Copy of ministerial decision No. 4/1977 on measures, rules and conditions for the import, possession and acquisition of explosives and analogous substances.
- Copy of Ordinance No. OG/280/99 of 13 December 1999 imposing the economic embargo on the Taliban.
- Copy of Ordinance No. OG/56/2001 of 3 February 2001 imposing the economic embargo on Osama bin Laden.
- Copy of Ordinance No. OG/423/2001 of 1 October 2001 prohibiting dealings with listed proscribed individuals and organizations, including Osama bin Laden and the Taliban.

* The annexes to the report are on file with the Secretariat and are available for consultation.